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Please see the attached documents in response to the Office Action mailed May 17, 2006 for the above referenced patent application.

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LETTER TO THE EXAMINER

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action issued on May 17, 2006. The Examiner issued the Office Action examining claims 1-19 of the priority international application PCT/US2004/018352. However, at the national stage filing on February 10, 2005, the Applicants filed Preliminary Amendments comprising claims 1-18 for examination, which were transmitted to the USPTO along with other documents requested for filing.

Attached hereto please find a copy of the Return Receipt Postcard listing "Preliminary Amendments" as part of the Enclosures, as well as a copy of the submitted Preliminary Amendments.

The Applicants respectfully request to withdraw the Office Action of May 17, 2006 and issue the new Office Action based on the examination of claims 1-18.

Respectfully submitted,

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